

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

In the claims:

This Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Device for supporting lumbar vertebrae and/or sacrospinal muscles commonly called a lumbar belt, ~~and composed of~~ comprising
a posterior lumbar support part (1) ~~and,~~
~~two lateral parts (2a, 2b) fixed to the posterior part (1) and~~ provided with additional closing means (12a) and complementary closing means (12b) at their respective front free ends, characterised in that
the outside face of the posterior part (1) ~~comprises~~ including fixing means capable of cooperating with ~~additional~~ complementary adjustable fixing means (9a, 9b) connected to the free back ends of the lateral parts (2a, 2b) ~~in such a way that it is possible to close wherein the free back end of the lateral parts (2a, 2b) can close~~ the belt without overlapping the lateral parts (2a, 2b) overlap on the abdominal region of ~~athe~~ patient.
2. (Currently amended) Device according to the previous claim, characterised in that the posterior part (1) has a globally ,trapezoidal shape, the large and the small base of the said trapezoid being convex, provided with at least four whalebones, two central whalebones (4) and two external whalebones (5) extending transversally from the small base to the large base and distributed on each side of the axis of symmetry (S) of the posterior part (1).
3. (Original) Device according to claim 2, characterised in that the central whalebones (4) are fixed on the outside face of the posterior part (1) by a sheath (6) obtained from a smooth material so as to prevent fixing of the lateral parts (2a, 2b) on the said central whalebones (4).

4. (Currently amended) Device according to ~~any one of the previous claims~~claim 1, characterised in that each lateral part (2a, 2b) comprises at least one transverse whalebone (10a, 10b) close to its front end for abdominal support.
5. (Currently amended) Device according to ~~any one of the previous claims~~claim 1, characterised in that it comprises two secondary lateral parts (14a, 14b) comprising attachment means on its free ends, on its inside face (15a, 16a, 15b, 16b) that can cooperate firstly with ~~additional~~complementary attachment means on the outside face of the said secondary lateral parts (14a, 14b) and ~~and~~/or principal lateral parts (2a, 2b), and secondly with the ~~additional~~complementary attachment means of the outside face of the posterior part (1).
6. (Currently amended) Device according to ~~any one of the previous claims~~claim 1, characterised in that the posterior part and ~~and~~/or the principal lateral parts (2a, 2b) and ~~and~~/or the secondary lateral parts (14a, 14b) are obtained from a longitudinally elastic fabric.
7. (Currently amended) Device according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 6~~claim 2, characterised in that the central (4) and external (5) whalebones of the posterior part (1) are curved such that the outside face of the posterior part (1) is concave and the inside face of the said posterior part (1) that bears on the patient's lumbar vertebrae is convex.
8. (Currently amended) Device according to ~~any one of the previous claims~~claim 1, characterised in that the attachment means of the outside face of the posterior part (1) and ~~and~~/or the principal lateral parts (2a, 2b) and ~~and~~/or the secondary lateral parts (14a, 14b) and the ~~additional~~complementary attachment means (9a, 9b, 15a, 16a, 15b, 16b, 12b) ~~consist of~~include attachment means of the loop / hook or hook / hook type.